Assistance for maintaining and developing Nagpur and Hyderabad

4937. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that amongst the best maintained cities from the viewpoint of sanitation, road development, beautification of parks and ponds, improvement in street light etc. Nagpur and Hyderabad cities have been declared as the best maintained cities in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give financial and other assistance to the State Governments of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh to further improve the maintenance and development of these cities; and

(c) if so, the details of the assistance proposed to be provided to these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):(a) Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) had given Clean City Award to Nagpur Municipal Corporation for city of Nagpur and Hyderabad Urban Development Authority and Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad for Hyderabad city jointly in recognition of their performance in the field of housing, urban infrastructure, low cost sanitation, clean city, environment friendly and energy efficient proejcts. The Award does not carry any cash prize.

(b) and (c) At present Government does not have any proposal to give financial assistance to the State Government of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh to further improve the maintenance and development of these cities. However, Hyderabad gets financial assistance for development of urban infrastructure projects under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Infrastructural Development in Mega Cities.

Central fund for infrastructural development of Hyderabad

4938. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released Central funds to Andhra Pradesh for the development of Hyderabad under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Infrastructural Development in Mega Cities;